

WEALTHY WOMAN MISSING

Detectives Can Find No Trace of Mrs. Euphemia Benson, of Arlington.

She Had Considerable Money with Her When She Disappeared, Nine Days Ago.

MAY HAVE FALLEN IN THE RIVER.

Some Members of the Family Believe She Met with Foul Play—It Is Thought That Her Mind Is Affected.

Arlington, N. J., April 9.—There is a mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Euphemia Benson from her home in Terrace Palms, Arlington. She has been missing since April 1, but as the family is one of the wealthiest in Arlington, every effort has been made to keep the matter from the public.

Private detectives have been engaged, and during the past week every relative and friend of the family within a hundred miles of New York has been visited with the expectation of finding the absent wife and mother.

The detectives reported yesterday that they had been unable to obtain a trace of the missing woman, and then the family called in the local police. It is known that when Mrs. Benson left home she had in her purse a considerable sum of money from the collection of rents, besides a large sum which was in the house.

It was thought at first that she had gone to a married daughter's home in New York City, but when it was learned that she had not visited there a search was made among other city friends and relatives. She had not been seen or heard from by any of these people.

She was visited every hospital institution, but at no place was a trace of her found. She was last seen at her home, where she was found to be in good health and spirits.

Her left hand is missing, and her eyes and wavy gray hair are gone. She is one of the handsomest women in the town, and over-ascetic river at an elevation of 1,000 feet.

Members of the family believe that she wandered to the nearby station of the Greenwood Road and fallen from the steps at that place into the river. Arrangements will be made to channel the river.

It is thought that she may have been on the dark roadway near the station and robbed of her money. Chief Turner of the four police officers who were in the theories, but thinks she may have gone to some hotel in New York or other large city, where she is living quietly.

A CELL FOR A JOKE
Harcobus the Victim of a Mock Trial in Recorder Connelly's Court in Bayonne.

Bayonne, N. J., April 9.—During the absence of Recorder Connelly, the court attaches took possession of the courtroom, and held a mock trial, sentencing a prisoner to prison. It was not until the unfortunate prisoner had been an hour behind the bars that the jokers relented and released him.

Recorder Connelly had hardly stepped outside when Clerk Lazarus proposed the mock trial. The others present agreed to assist.

Interpreter Stephen Harcobus, who was in court, was arrested by Constable John Keating. Assistant Water Purveyor Liberson volunteered to act as counsel.

As the prisoners were taken to the courtroom, they swore that they had nothing to do with the case. The judge, who was in the mood to make a joke, sentenced the prisoner to prison for one year.

The Recorder, who loves a joke, said nothing and remained among the spectators. Being unable to pay the fine, Harcobus was conducted to the corridor and searched and then hustled into a cell and locked up.

Harcobus remained in the cell for one hour, during which time a petition was read to the court. The judge, who was in the mood to make a joke, sentenced the prisoner to prison for one year.

"Judge" Nevins signed the order of release. Harcobus was released, and declared that the whole affair was a good joke.

CLAIMS AGAINST A FORGER.
Property to Be Sold to Satisfy Obligations to Various Banks.

Vineland, N. J., April 9.—A decree has been issued from the Court of Chancery setting aside the conveyance of the valuable farm property at South Vineland, owned by Horace D. Baker, the notorious forger, and decided by him to his brother to avoid payment on his forged drafts.

Horace D. Baker, alias George W. Nelson, of G. P. Baker, was captured at this place in the summer of 1894, after he had swindled two Vineland banks. The property will be sold to satisfy the claims of the various banks, among which is the Hartford National Bank of Baltimore, Md., where Baker was first taken after his arrest here.

CANNOT TESTIMONY TO ATTEND.
Governor Griggs has Informed Chief Murphy, of Jersey City, that he cannot sign the bill providing for the compulsory attendance of witnesses at police trials.

Chief Murphy, who is in charge of the Police Board to compel the attendance at the trials before the Board of witnesses at the trial of Sergeant Kelly.

Selected as Delegate to St. Louis.
New Brunswick, N. J., April 9.—The Third Congressional District Republican Convention today selected P. Frank Applegate, of Monmouth County, and John W. Herbert, of Middlesex County, as delegates to the National Convention at St. Louis, and Charles Reed and Charles Place, of Somerset County, as alternates.

During McKinley and Hobart was of the tribe.

Five-Year-Old Boy Missing.
Five-year-old George Ball was missing from his home, No. 656 Grove street, Jersey City, since last Sunday. The boy's mother has been unable to find him, and he is believed to have been taken away by his father, from whom he is separated.

FACED TWO ANGRO WIVES

Bernard Wass, Arrested for Abandonment, Is Held for Bigamy.

How He Met and Wooed Pretty Nellie Sutherland, of Staten Island.

HE LEFT HER AFTER FIVE MONTHS.

Returned to His First Wife and Told Her a Story About How He Had Been to the African Gold Fields in Search of a Fortune.

Stapleton, S. I., April 9.—Bernard Wass, a signaller and thirty, faced two angry wives, the police court before Justice Kullman this afternoon. He was arrested yesterday in New York City on charges of being a disorderly person and abandoning wife No. 2, and this led to the appearance of wife No. 1 on the scene and the exposure.

A new complaint, charging bigamy, was drawn up. Wass was tried on this charge, and was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The story, as told by the two wives, was that Wass married his first wife, Jennie Wass, on June 23, 1895, the ceremony being performed at the New York City Hall by Alderman O'Neill. Wass is a good workman, had constant employment, and the couple lived comfortably and happily.

On April 17, 1897, a second marriage ceremony uniting the couple was performed by a Jewish rabbi at the home of the groom's mother. Wass then destroyed the first certificate, but his mother kept possession of the second.

All went well with them until December, 1898, when Wass suddenly disappeared from New York without explanation or apparent cause. Nothing more was heard from him until six months ago, when he reappeared at his mother's house, No. 346 East Houston street, where his wife and four children had found a refuge.

Wass told them of visits to African gold fields in search of fortune, was forgiven, and soon took his wife and family to a new home at No. 2150 East One Hundred and Tenth street. He was living with them at that place when arrested.

Wass appeared in Stapleton early in 1894 and secured work at his trade. He gave the authorities a false statement that he was a man of presentable appearance and dresses well. He met Nellie Sutherland, an estimable and attractive young woman, who became his mistress. When he asked her for her hand she stipulated that he should become a Catholic before she would marry him.

This Wass or Wallace complied with, and became a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity. He was married to her by the Rev. Father Huntman on November 4, 1894, and five months later the wife of Wass disappeared from Stapleton mysteriously as he had left his first wife.

Miss Sutherland and her babe, which was born after the disappearance of Wass, were left in destitute circumstances. Miss Sutherland has conducted a vigorous search for the missing man since he disappeared, and a few days ago, through the window of a cigar shop on One Hundred and Seventy-second street, New York, she saw Wass at work.

She did not reveal herself to him, but returned to Staten Island and applied to the authorities for a warrant for his arrest. Wass was brought to this place, where his first wife, learning of his arrest, followed him here, and the exposure followed.

Wass's aged mother was in court and testified against her son. She denounced him bitterly, and his statement that he was committed to the county jail in default of bail.

TROLLEY LINE FOR RED BANK.
Mayor White Announces That the Franchise Will Be Granted.

Red Bank, N. J., April 9.—A franchise will be granted for the proposed trolley line if the company accepts the condition imposed by the Commissioners. This decision was announced at any early hour this morning when the public hearing on the matter before the Commissioners was ended.

Robert Allen, Jr., James E. Degnan and Joseph Miller appeared for the trolley company. The city engineer, John S. Applegate, and Fred W. Hope appeared for the opposition. The latter represented a large number of the citizens of Red Bank, who objected to the driveways being used for trolley purposes, and also appeared for the trolley company.

The city engineer declared that in a growing town like Red Bank the trolley was an absolute necessity, and that it was a matter of public safety to have the driveways used for trolley purposes. The company agrees to macadamize all the streets through which the road passes.

The route of the trolley line will be through Shrewsbury avenue, to Monmouth street, to Broad street to Front, to Wharf avenue, to the steamboat dock.

A STORMY TOWN MEETING.
Franklin Citizens Objected to the Report of the Committee.

Franklin, N. J., April 9.—There was a stormy town meeting here last night. When Town Treasurer Kierstead started to read his report he was frequently interrupted by George E. Miller, the editor of a local newspaper. The Treasurer appealed to the chair, but the interruptions continued. The men almost came to blows.

A motion by Mr. Boardman that the report of the Town Committee be received was carried. Mr. Boardman read the law regarding the expending of appropriations and the report was received. The amount realized will not be known for several days, but it will be well up in five figures.

FOR CONFIDENTIAL VETERANS.
Joseph Jefferson and Others Help Raise Money for the Mortuary Fund.

A benefit for the mortuary fund of the Confederate Veterans' Camp was given at the Fifth Avenue Theatre yesterday by a distinguished body of volunteers. Joseph Jefferson and his company presented the famous comedy, "Lend Me Five Shillings," which was received with great enthusiasm.

John Drew and Maud Adams appeared in the comedy "A Pair of Lovers." Mr. Drew and his company played the first act of "The Widow Jones," and "A House of Cards" was seen in the last act of Rosenfeld's comedy.

Incidental to the plays, the Fifth Avenue Theatre orchestra, under direction of Thomas Hindley, rendered several selections. The quartet from "Excelsior," Max and Harriet Vernon, from Koster & Blain's, sang several ballads. Colonel John F. Pelton was to have made the opening address.

He was too ill to appear, and Colonel A. G. Dickinson apologized for his absence. The amount realized will not be known for several days, but it will be well up in five figures.

Newark Firm's Big Contract.
Hartford, Conn., April 9.—The Board of Street Commissioners last night awarded the contract for building the city intercepting sewers to F. H. Harrison & Son, of Newark, N. J. The price is \$218,502.

TOBACCO TRUST METHODS

Contracts with Jobbers Revoked Because They Pushed Cigarettes Made by a Rival Concern.

Newark, N. J., April 9.—Lawyer Einstein, of New York, of counsel for the plaintiffs in the suit against the American Tobacco Company, used the probe with great effect today on Secretary Josiah Brown, with a view to showing the methods used by the company to force jobbers and dealers to handle the company's goods exclusively.

Mr. Einstein succeeded in making Mr. Brown admit that in several instances certain jobbers mentioned had been cut out from receiving consignments from the American Tobacco Company because they had been active in pushing goods of rival concerns.

The entire day was consumed in the taking of Mr. Brown's testimony. He was obliged to go over all the books of the company, showing when consignments signed contracts, when they were terminated, and when renewed, if ever. In some cases the contracts for terminating the contracts were given, but in others, Mr. Brown stated that he was unable to give the reasons, unless in a general way, for cutting prices, or advertising in a manner obnoxious to the company.

In the case of the Boston Cigar and Tobacco Company, whose contract was twice terminated, Mr. Brown testified that the reason for terminating the contract the first time was because A. R. Mitchell, the president of the Boston company, had been unduly active in pushing a brand of cigars, cigarettes and cigars of the opposition concern. He claimed that the American company's goods had been discriminated against by the Boston company, and when pressed by Mr. Einstein, failed to cite a single instance in proof of his assertion.

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Voorhees' Wife and Five Children Have Died Within Six Weeks.

Diphtheria Carried Them Off, One After the Other, and Now He Is Left Quite Alone.

IS PROSTRATED BY HIS GRIEF.

Has a Daughter, Who Was Estranged from Him, but Does Not Know Where She Is. Would Like to Have Her Care for Him.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 9.—Six weeks ago John Voorhees, a farmer, of Kingston, a little village ten miles from here, was surrounded by a loving family consisting of a wife and five children. To-day he is alone on his little farm, death having carried away every member of his family. He has a sixth daughter living in another part of the State, but her address is unknown to him.

Two of Mr. Voorhees' children were taken ill with diphtheria six weeks ago. The other children of the family contracted the disease. Within two weeks two children had died. The doctors said the other children were afflicted with black diphtheria, and that their recovery was doubtful.

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